GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL BENEFICIARIES UNDER IGNOAPS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of beneficiaries under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) and the amount paid to them, State-wise;

(b) whether State Governments have identified additional beneficiaries in view of the modified eligibility criteria of the scheme; and

(c) if so, the State-wise progress made in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a): The total number of beneficiaries under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) is estimated to be 157 lakh, based on projected population as on 1.3.2006 and the poverty estimates of 2004-05 as indicated by the Planning Commission. Under IGNOAPS Rs 200 per month per beneficiary is provided by way of Central Assistance. In addition, State Governments have been urged to contribute at least an equal amount.

(b) & (c): Yes Sir. The State-wise number of beneficiaries under IGNOAPS as reported by the States is given in the Annexure.